

The Church of Greece continues the events for the commemoration of the bicentenary of the beginning of the Great Greek Revolution of 1821. Besides, this year too marks the bicentenary of important events of that Struggle. May we indicatively refer to the massacre at Chios in April of 1822, the Holocaust of Naoussa, which took place during the Easter Week of 1822, the victory of Theodoros Kolokotronis at Dervenakia in July of 1822.

The exhibition under the title "For Faith and Fatherland – The contribution of the Church to the Struggle of 1821", organised by the Holy Synod and His Beatitude the Archbishop of Athens and all Greece Hieronymos II, President of the Standing Holy Synod, by means of the Special Synodic Committee of the Academy of Ecclesiastical Arts, and hosted in the Byzantine and Christian Museum of Athens, aims to highlight the contribution of the Church to the National Uprising of 1821 and the part it played as an important actor of preservation of the national identity of the Greeks.

The exhibition has brought together items from Holy churches and Monasteries, ecclesiastical museums of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens and Holy Metropolises of the Church of Greece, as well as from the Holy Monastery of the Iberians of Mount Athos.

The exhibits are mostly heirlooms from historical sites which played a significant part in the Revolution. Moreover, items which belonged to personalities of the Church, fighters, protagonists of the Revolution and the foundation of the Modern Greek State are presented.

At the same time, items of the Byzantine Museum and artefacts from private collections are also on display in this exhibition (i.e. icons, work sheets of artists, items of minor arts, ecclesiastical vestments etc.).

The exhibition is structured into twelve units:

- Fighters and personalities of the Revolution
- Historical documents
- Letters under the Turkish Rule
- Ecclesiastical art before the Revolution
- Personalities of the Church
- Neomartyrs
- The weapons of 1821
- The "Society of Friends"
- The struggle at sea
- Private worship
- Lost churches of Athens
- Philhellenism

Ποτήριο μετάληψης των ἀγωνιστῶν στήν Αγία Λαύρα. 1793
I. Μητρόπολις Καλαβύτων και Αγιαστειας.
Ι. Μονή Αγίας Λαύρας.



Chalice of the Communion of the fighters at Agia Lavra Monastery. 1793
H. Metropolis of Kalavryta and Aegialeia.
H. Monastery of Holy Lavra.

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Συντελεστές:

- Αρχιγραμματεία της Ιεράς Συνόδου
- Εἰδική Συνοδική Επιτροπή Ακαδημίας Έκκλησιαστικών Τεχνών της Ιεράς Συνόδου
- Έκκλησιαστική Κεντρική Υπηρεσία Οικονομικών της Ιεράς Συνόδου

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- Ο Μητροπολίτης Πολυανής και Κικλισίου Βαρθολομαίος - Μέλος της Εἰδικής Συνοδικής Επιτροπής Ακαδημίας Έκκλησιαστικών Τεχνών και ι. Γραμματεύς Αὐτῆς
- Ο Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος Θωμάς Συνοδίνος - Πρόεδρος της Εἰδικής Συνοδικής Επιτροπής Ακαδημίας Έκκλησιαστικών Τεχνών
- Ο Αρχιμανδρίτης Αθηναγόρας Σουπούρτζης - Γραμματεύς της Εἰδικής Συνοδικής Επιτροπής Ακαδημίας Έκκλησιαστικών Τεχνών

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